

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

29 September 2019
 Combined Worship
 10:30 AM

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

It is not for me to judge another person's life. I must judge, I must choose, I must spurn, purely for myself. For myself, alone.

Herman Hesse, *Siddhartha*

The world isn't split into good people and Death Eaters.

J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

We are our choices.

Jean-Paul Sartre

Special Music

For the Beauty of the Earth
 Bells Angels

Conrad Kocher
 arr: Patricia Sanders Cota

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Usey

GRACE

Prelude

Shine
My Worship
Everyone Has a Story to Tell

Collective Soul
 Phil Thompson
 Christian McIvor

Call to Worship

With a beautiful, silent subtlety, autumn replaces summer. The leaves hint at new colors before displaying them boldly. Winds nip gently before exercising their winter bite. The sun begins to keep a lower profile before leaving us to long winter nights. Our minds turn to more autumnal thoughts. We think about our lawns less frequently. We go to sleep on chilly nights having concern for the well-being of our unharvested tomatoes. We imagine mornings of hot cereal and hands warmed around a coffee cup. The change that prayer brings to us can be as subtle as the transition from season to season. It can also be, in chosen moments, as our worship. Welcome!

* Prayer of Thanksgiving!

* Response

Spirit Open My Heart

Flowing Text: Ruth Duck
Irish Melody, arr. Fedak

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv - ing As you love may I love in re - ceiv - ing
 and in - giv - ing Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

* Prayer for the World & Unison Response

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

United Church of Canada, *New Creed*

* Glory to God #21

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works
 (Led by Members of the Children's Choir)

LACQUIPARLE

GROW

Baby Presentation

Rya James Story Bunce

Michael Usey

Hebrew Bible Reading

Exodus 33.13-23; 34.1, 4-6
 The Message (MSG)

Moses said to GOD, "Look, you tell me, 'Lead this people,' but you don't let me know whom you're going to send with me. You tell me, 'I know you well and you are special to me.' If I am so special to you, let me in on your plans. That way, I will continue being special to you. Don't forget, this is *your* people, your responsibility." GOD said, "My presence will go with you. I'll see the journey to the end." Moses said, "If your presence doesn't take the lead here, call this trip off right now. How else will it be known that you're with me in this, with me and your people? Are you traveling with us or not? How else will we know that we're special, I and your people, among all other people on this planet Earth?" GOD said to Moses: "All right. Just as you say; this also I will do, for I know you well and you are special to me. I know you by name." Moses said, "Please. Let me see your Glory." GOD said, "I will make my Goodness pass right in front of you; I'll call out the name, GOD, right before you. I'll treat well whomever I want to treat well and I'll be kind to whomever I want to be kind." GOD continued, "But you may not see my face. No one can see me and live." GOD said, "Look, here is a place right beside me. Put yourself on this rock. When my Glory passes by, I'll put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I've passed by. Then I'll take my hand away and you'll see my back. But you won't see my face." GOD spoke to Moses: "Cut out two tablets of stone just like the originals and engrave on them the words that were on the original tablets you smashed. So Moses cut two tablets of stone just like the originals. He got up early in the morning and climbed Mount Sinai as GOD had commanded him, carrying the two tablets of stone. GOD descended in the cloud and took up his position there beside him and called out the name, GOD. GOD passed in front of him and called out, "GOD, GOD, a God of mercy and grace, endlessly patient—so much love, so deeply true."

For the word of God in scripture,
 for the word of God among us,
 for the word of God within us,
 Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Roll Down Justice
 Adult Choir

Mark Miller

Children's Sermon

Maria Peredes

Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon. Afterwards, children aged 3 may go to the toddlers' room, children ages 4 through 1st grade may leave for children's worship (room 110), 2nd graders & older may return to their seat.

Sermon

Speak Up, God

Michael Usey

Moment of Silence

There comes a time in your life when you have to choose to turn the page, write another book or simply close it.

Shannon L. Alder

GIVE

* Glory to God #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

* Offertory Prayer

People pay for what they do, and still more for what they have allowed themselves to become. And they pay for it very simply: by the lives they lead.

James Baldwin

Offertory

Music Alone Shall Live
Everything
 Jubilee Choir

Traditional German Round
 Christian McIvor

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Christian McIvor

This is the Lord's table, all are invited to partake. At College Park, parents decide when children are ready to take communion.

Wine is in the ceramic chalices. Grape juice is in the glass chalices. Gluten-free bread is available at the front table.

* Communion

* Response

Doxology 27

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
 O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Recognition of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you and receive from you, by God's grace. Thank God you are here!

* Benediction

* Response

This Little Light of Mine

With joy! African-American Spiritual

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine, This lit-tle light of mine,
 I'm gon-na let it shine, This lit-tle light of mine,
 I'm gon-na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

★ Postlude

Depart in Peace

I won't tell you that the world matters nothing, or the world's voice, or the voice of society. They matter a good deal. They matter far too much. But there are moments when one has to choose between living one's own life, fully, entirely, completely—or dragging out some false, shallow, degrading existence that the world in its hypocrisy demands. You have that moment now. Choose!
Oscar Wilde

All are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Chapel after service.

College Park Baptist Church fully welcomes and affirms all persons without distinction regarding race, ethnicity, national origin, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other human category.

The Liturgist today is Stephanie Kretz.
The Deacon Greeter today is Lexi Eagles.

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★ Please stand as you are able.



THE 13 VALUES OF OUR CHURCH

- Worship the Living God corporately and privately.
- Enjoy fellowship with a community of faith.
- Provide quality Christian education for all ages.
- Support varied missions activities both here and abroad.
- Encourage creativity.
- Honor the integrity of the family, in all its various forms.
- Value an inclusiveness of all who confess Jesus is Lord.
- Use excellent music to praise and enjoy God.
- Promote radical stewardship of all talents.
- Plan for the future so the Church will flourish.
- Respect the diversity of our members.
- Be faithful to historic Baptist beliefs and Christian history.
- Encourage a deep Christian curiosity and spiritual openness.

Sunday Announcements



Creation. Care. Consideration.

As of July 1, Greensboro is no longer accepting glass, gabled cartons, shredded paper and aerosol cans in its recycling program. Please see www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/field-operations/recycle for more details.

Participating at College Park Church

Take a few minutes to complete our annual survey (insert) to let us know how you would like to serve in 2020! Deadline is October 13.

Wednesday Night Schedule

- 5:30pm—Dinner
- 6:15 pm—Children Choir
- 6:30pm—Bible Study: **Don't Fear The Reaper**
- 7:30pm—Choir Practice

Youth Activities

- Sunday Evening Activities
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Youth Dinner
- 6:30 — 7:45pm Club Jesus

Don't Fear The Reaper: Wednesday Night Discussion @ 6:30pm, Forest Chapel

- Oct 2: Anne Weston - Alternative Body Disposition Practices, including Green Burial
- Oct 9: Kevin Pearce - Will the Real Hospice Please Lie Down?
- Oct 16: Open
- Oct 23: Dianne Person, **Elon University's Anatomical Gift Program**

Help! Sunday School Supplies

Is shopping your spiritual gift? The kids at College Park could use your help! Our kids' classes are growing and could use a few supplies for their classrooms and for the Blessings Box the older kids stock every week. Please put any of these supplies into a Blessings Box container or give them to Lauren Grubbs; THANK YOU for your love and support!
For the kids' classrooms: gently used puzzles of all levels, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, latex gloves for diaper changing, diaper wipes, glue sticks. We are also working on decorating a new room; retired teachers, if you have "teacher stuff" like bulletin board supplies, a classroom rug, manipulatives, etc, we may be able to use them--see Lauren Grubbs if you think you have things we could use!
For the Blessings Box: granola bars, ramen noodles, Chap Stick, packaged crackers or individual-sized bags of peanuts, and Ensure drinks.

Future Combined Worship Service
December 29



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Anniversaries: October 4: Nathan & Katharine Sparrow

Concerns

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